

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1776: THE
BLACK REVOLUTIONARY WAR
PATRIOTS COMMEMORATIVE
COIN ACT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced, with my colleague DONALD PAYNE of New Jersey, H.R. 1776, the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin Act. This legislation will direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a special coin in commemoration of the many black soldiers who fought for our Nation's independence and our individual freedom. In addition to recognizing the often forgotten contributions of African-Americans during this historic period of our Nation's history, distribution of such a coin will enable the Black Patriots Foundation to succeed in funding the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial, to be located in Constitution Gardens between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

More than 5,000 black revolutionary war patriots fought shoulder-to-shoulder with white patriots, heroically sacrificing so that we can stand here today, a free people and a world leader. This contribution should not be forgotten. As generations of children visit our Nation's capital and walk the mall, they should have a concrete reminder that we are descendants of men and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds and only together can we create a Nation in which individual social freedom and justice are a reality.

I urge my colleagues to join in honoring black revolutionary war patriots through this commemorative coin act and enable the Black Patriots Foundation to complete the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial here in Washington, DC.

HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING
POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUES NATIONWIDE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. MILLER of California. It gives me great pleasure today, together with my fellow cosponsors, to introduce a resolution commending Police Athletic Leagues [PAL] across this country for their excellent work on behalf of our Nation's youth.

PAL was created over 50 years ago in New York City by Lt. Ed Flynn, who, faced with persistent gang violence, organized a baseball league to give kids an alternative to crime. PAL now has 246 local chapters in cities nationwide, including Jacksonville, Des Moines, New York, Denver, Dallas, San Francisco, and Seattle. And in my congressional district, there are PAL organizations in Benicia, Martinez, Richmond, and Vallejo.

Three million kids participate in PAL's recreational and educational program, such as athletic tournaments, police cadet clubs, and computer training. Fifty years after its inception, the principal mission of PAL remains the same: Police officers volunteer their free time

to work with youths in promoting trust and understanding in an atmosphere of cooperation. The kids benefit by receiving positive role models and learning life skills. The officers benefit by getting an opportunity to make a real, positive difference in kids' lives.

Mr. Speaker, in my own State, PAL—called CAL-PAL—is easily one of the largest juvenile crime prevention programs in California, with over 50,000 kids participating. CAL-PAL includes over 25 chapters, each as varied as the towns or cities in which they operate. CAL-PAL has established itself as a viable, successful juvenile crime prevention program by focusing on athletic and other related youth activities. Their motto is "Filling Playgrounds Not Prisons." PAL's long years of experience with kids shows that sporting activities help bring out the best in kids. Youth members of PAL learn to be part of a team—they learn how their individual efforts are part of a collective goal, they learn endurance and perseverance, and they learn that hard work leads to success. And above all they gain self-awareness and self-esteem, which are the essential building blocks of every child's personality, but are especially important to disadvantaged kids. PAL also serves the purpose of cementing positive relationships between kids and police officers, a relationship that is based on mutual respect and deep admiration.

Clearly, we need to do all we can to reduce crime among our youth. Although crime in the Nation has subsided somewhat in recent years, violent crimes committed by juveniles has surged. PAL is certainly no substitute for tough crime fighting strategies and policies. But police athletic leagues, acting in concert with these policies, are out in the field every day attempting to turn back the rising tide of crime by providing constructive activities for kids. PAL's police officers deserve our support and our commendation.

REDEDICATION OF DOUGHBOY
STATUE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of May 30, 1995, the community of Concordia, MO, rededicated the Doughboy Statue, first erected in 1923, in the city's central park. It was a memorable experience for me to participate in the ceremonies with community leaders, including Dick Stuenkel, Rev. Paul Wobus, and Mayor Alfred Rodewald. Brig. Gen. Ron Marcotte of Whiteman Air Force Base delivered an address. Mayor Rodewald delivered the rite of dedication, which was a fitting tribute to the community's veterans:

RITE OF REDEDICATION OF DOUGHBOY
MONUMENT

In the Name of Almighty God, the Creator of all things, the Redeemer of sinful mankind and the Sanctifier of all that is made just and holy.

On Sept. 23, 1923, this community dedicated a monument. The monument was formed of Bedford limestone. It depicted an American soldier—a Doughboy of World War fame—standing at attention, standing 6 feet tall, a weapon at his right side, in full uniform, dignified, in Central Park, Concordia, MO.

Here the Doughboy monument has stood for 71 years. It has been a symbol of appreciation for all who joined the Armed Forces of America to defend her against human injustice: in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865; the Spanish-American War in 1898; and the World War from 1914 to 1918.

The monument has endured 71 years of exposure to the elements of west central Missouri. It has received tender glances from people who wanted to know of its significance and meaning. It has been greeted by warm faces from patriotic Americans and foreigners alike. Through the years, the Doughboy has stood as a proud symbol in central park.

This monument of stone has stood in silence. Yet it has projected a message of dedication and commitment by area citizens to the defense of liberty, peace and justice for all. Dedicated to those who defended America in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I, the Doughboy has held its place in Concordia while more wars raged and the U.S. Government called upon new generations of local men and women to bear arms in her defense.

The monument stood through World War II, from 1939 to 1945; the Korean war, from 1950 to 1953; the Vietnam war, from 1965 to 1973; and the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

This monument of stone, reflecting material blemishes from years of exposure to elements at central park, was recently refurbished. It was refurbished through the effort of many—including the city of Concordia; American Legion Post 258 and auxiliary; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5649 and auxiliary; Concordia Area Heritage Society; Concordia Lions Club and Concordia Civic Club.

Refurbished, the monument dedicated in 1923 is ready for rededication.

I, therefore, rededicate the Doughboy Monument with this rite. May this monument of stone continue to project its message of commitment to liberty, peace and justice for all mankind to everyone who lives in and visits this community. May God grant it to stand enduringly as a symbol of peace and as a symbol of love for God and country in the town that chose the name Concordia as it sought peace and harmony following many painful experiences in the Civil War.

As floodlights focus on the Doughboy Monument tonight we rededicate it to its mission.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. [let the lights turn on]

1995 FARM BILL

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debra Lundgren, a farm wife from Kulm, ND, who gave a short, but meaningful speech in April when U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, was in North Dakota for a regional farm forum. Her speech follows:

I am here today as a farm wife. It is a role I enjoy, but one I do not get to perform very often. Because I am married to a farmer, I cannot afford to be a farm wife. I would rather work on the farm, but can't—and I'm not alone. Eighty-seven percent of the income generated by the average U.S. farm operator household comes from off-farm sources.

My husband farms full-time and works an additional job, fulltime job. I am presently working two jobs, so no one can say we are